(i) Sh. K. Doraiswamy, Executive Director, IOC.
In *Assam*

(i) Sh. B. N. Jaiswal, Chief Geophysicist

(ii) Sh. C. K. Mohanty, Dy. Superintending Den Engineer

(iii) Sh. S. S. Gupta, Dy. Director

(iv) Sh. B. S. Raju, Asstt. Ex-Engineer

(v) Sh. P. p. Srivastav, Superintending Engineer

(vi) Sh. Kishan Lai, Chemist

(vii) Sh. Narendra Sharma, Dy. Director—All of O.N.G.C.

Out of the above abducted officials, S/Sh. Narendra Sharma and B. N. Jaiswal have since been released.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Efforts to pursuade the terrorists to release the hostages are continuing.

Killings by ULFA in Assam

290. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV; SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of innocent persons killed in Assam by ULFA during the last three years, till date, year-wise; and

(b) what steps Government are taking to curb the activities of ULFA?

THE MINISTER *OF* STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) The number of persons killed in Assam by ULFA during the last three years year-wise is as ! under:—

1988	199	1990	1991
24	28	89*	72

including dead bodies recovered from ULFA Camps during Army action)

(b) The Chief Minister has initiated action aimed at finding a negotiated solution to the problem of ULFA. He has held consultations with political parties and various other shades of opinion. On the basis of consensus reached, he made an offer to release ULFA detenus except those facing charges of heinous crimes and asked them to give up arms and come to the negotiating table. Orders for the release of 367 ULFA activists had already been issued by the State Government.

People killed in incidents of differenttypes of violence after assassination ofShri Rajiv Gandhi

291. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the State-wise number of people killed in cammunal clashes, terrorists violence, and in violence, after the assassination of Shri Rajiv Gandhi, category wise and the steps taken to prevent such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB); According to the available information, the number of persons who lost their lives in communal clashes, terrorist violence and in violence after the assassination of Shrt Rajiv Gandhi is given in the attached statement.

Public order being a State subject, it is for the State Governments to take effective steps to prevent such incidents. However, the Central Government remains in constant touch with the State Governments.